



National Air Quality Awareness Week May 3 through May 7, 2010



The National Weather Service in partnership with the Environmental Protection Agency announce National Air Quality Awareness Week. The goal of National Air Quality Awareness Week is to provide information on outdoor air pollution and its impact on the quality of air we breathe. A different air quality topic will be addressed each day, from the causes of poor air quality and how air quality predictions are made, to how to protect yourself on poor air quality days, and steps you can take to improve the cleanliness of the air we breathe.



Monday, May 3: Ozone and Particle Pollution

Tuesday, May 4: What Causes Poor Air Quality

Wednesday, May 5: Keeping Your Lungs and Heart Safe

Thursday, May 6: What are Air Quality Forecasts?

Friday, May 7: What Can You Do to Help Make the Air Cleaner?

Did You Know?

- Exposure to ozone and fine particulate matter is responsible for as many as 60,000 premature deaths each year in the United States.
- The NWS in conjunction with the EPA produces forecast guidance out to 48 hours for predicted surface ozone concentrations and smoke throughout the lower 48 states.
- NWS produces hour by hour forecast guidance that shows when and where predicted values of ozone and smoke are expected to reach harmful levels, whether in cities, suburbs or rural areas.

Be Air Aware!



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